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TO THE OUNDLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report on the health of the town during 1950.

The town stands at a height varying from 60 to 200 feet above sea-level.

It comprises an area of 2,075 acres, exclusive of that occupied by water.

The Registrar-General's estimate of the population is 2,818

The estimate last year was 2,728, an increase in the year of 90 inhabitants.

There are 720 inhabited houses according to the Rate Books at the end of 1950.

The Rateable Value is £19,221.

A penny rate produces £77.

The principal industry is a Brewery, and there is a small boot factory.

There is a large Public School with over 600 resident scholars, a Grammar School, a County Modern School, and an Elementary School.

Vital Statistics.

LIVE BIRTHS number 27.

			Male.	Female.
Legitimate	...	...	10	14
Illegitimate	...	...	3	0
			—	—
Total	...	...	13	14
			—	—

Birth Rate=8.8. per 1000.

Deaths.

			Male.	Female.
There were 31 deaths	...	...	15	16
Death Rate=10	per 1000.			
Infantile Deaths	0=0	per 1000.		
Cause of Death—				
Cancer	...	...	4 cases.	
Heart	...	...	11 cases.	
Pneumonia and Bronchitis			2 cases.	

Notification of Zymotic Diseases.

Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	1 case.
Measles	...	...	...	...	6 cases.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	1 case.
Tuberculosis of Spine	...	...	...	...	1 case.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Two cases under 1 year of age. Total number from 1936—353 cases.

General Provision of Health Services.

Medical Officer of Health : B. R. Turner, B.A., M.B., B.Ch.

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector : Mr. W. H. Bolton, M.Inst.M I Cy.Eng., Cert.R.S.I.

Rating and Valuation Officer : Mr. A. B. A. Wright.

District Nurses : Nurse Missen and Nurse Cates.

Health Visitor : Miss Miller.

Hospital : Oxford Regional Hospital, Glapthorn Road.

Ambulance : St. John Ambulance Association.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

The town is well-kept and very clean.

WATER.—Monthly analyses are made and were very satisfactory. The supply is good, but much more water is being used and a new adit may become necessary.

The filter beds are barely large enough, and the pumping station is working to full capacity.

The water is chlorinated and softened.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.—These are efficient and although old, are satisfactory.

REFUSE COLLECTION.—There is a service twice a week. There is no pollution of the river.

SHOPS.—See Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Factory Act.**PART I OF THE ACT.**

1.—**Inspections** for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

<i>Premises.</i> (1)	<i>Number on Register</i> (3)	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i> (4)	<i>Written notices</i> (5)	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i> (6)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	5	—	—	—
TOTAL	11	—	—	—

The health of the Town has been very good.

The Surveyor's Report is appended.

B. R. TURNER, B.A., M.B., B.Ch. Cantab.

Oundle Urban District Council.**ANNUAL REPORT OF WATERWORKS ENGINEER,
SURVEYOR, AND SANITARY INSPECTOR.**

TO THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

DEAR SIR,

I herewith submit my Report of work carried out for the year ended 31st December, 1950.

Public Water Supply.

A pure and constant water supply has been maintained throughout the year.

The consumption is above normal.

The water is softened from 29 to about 12 degrees of hardness.

Monthly bacteriological examinations have been excellent and the chemical analysis was also excellent.

Number of population supplied direct to the houses, 2,771.
Supplied by standpipes, 78.

Main Sewers.

The main sewers have been regularly flushed and inspected and are in good order.

Sewage Outfall Works.

The Sewage Outfall Works have been well maintained.

Sewer Rodent Control.

75% of the manholes were pre-baited—total takes, 14. Poison baits were then laid, only 9 complete baits were taken, 2 bodies were found.

Over 370 rats were destroyed in the Urban Area during the year. At the refuse tip, sewage works, and on private property. A large amount of poison was given to the public on application.

Food Inspection.

On request, the undermentioned commodities were condemned as unfit for human consumption :—

Milk	...	...	...	...	...	354 tins.
Jam	...	...	...	...	...	33 tins.
Fruit, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	35 tins.
Fish	...	...	...	...	...	3 tins.
Meat and Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	7 lbs.
Cheese	...	...	...	...	...	38 lbs.
Rolled Oats.	...	...	...	...	...	3 cwts.

Infectious Disease.

One house was fumigated.

Workshops, Factories, Cowsheds and Dairies.

Regular inspections have been made.

Tuberculin tested milk is being produced at the Stoke Road and Ashton Road Dairy Farms.

Houses Examined, showing Cause for Action.

Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	1
Dirty Houses	...	...	...	...	1
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	1
Defective Drainage and Fittings, and					
General Repairs	...	...	...	...	65
Other Causes	...	...	...	...	4

Number of Notices Served.

1. Statutory, Section 44, Public Health Act, 1936—1.
2. Preliminary and Letters 23

Drainage and Sanitation.

Improvements have been carried out to 32 houses.

3 houses have been completely re-drained with water carriage system.

11 new W.C. pedestals have been fixed.

13 houses have received general repairs.

Inspections other than Nuisances.

Works in Progress	...	...	...	176
Bakehouses, Dairies, Cowsheds, Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	12

Ice-cream Regulation, 1947.

The Regulations have been complied with.

Houses without Separate Lavatory Accommodation.

14 new W.C.s have been constructed during the year, a further 2 Lavatories are required. When completed, every house in the Urban Area will have a separate Lavatory.

Civil Building Control—Licences.

On behalf of the Ministry of Works, the Writer has granted 22 licences for new flats (conversions), repairs and renovations of houses and other properties.

New Road and Gordon Road Housing Site.

9 new Council House have been erected during the year, making a total of 54 completed and occupied.

Glaphorn Road Site.

10 houses are in course of erection.

Private Enterprise.

3 new houses have been completed during the year, and 3 are under construction.

Yours truly,

H. W. BOLTON,

Chartered Municipal Engineer,
M.I. Mun.E., Cert. R.S.I.,
Water Engineer Surveyor and
Sanitary Inspector.

June 11th, 1951.